

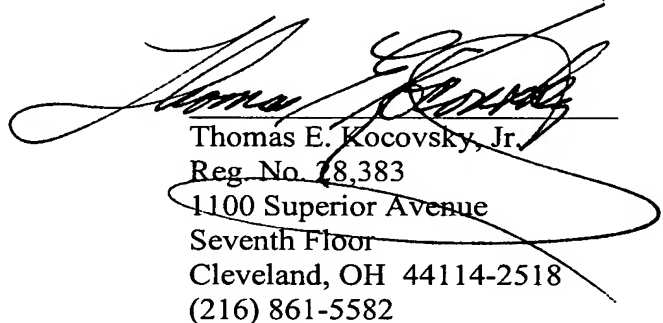
**REMARKS**

This amendment is to eliminate multiple-dependent claims and otherwise place the application in better condition for examination and prompt allowance:

An early allowance of claims 1-8 (all claims) is requested.

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